

NEW MAJOR LEAGUE HOME-RUN RECORDS MADE BY RUTH-NATIONALS AND TIGERS STAGE DOUBLE BILL TODAY

Once "Dark Horse" of League, Nationals Now Are Skidding Rapidly

By JACK NYE.
If you are looking for an example of the uncertainties of baseball, it is not necessary to journey farther than Georgia avenue to give the Nationals the once-over.

One month ago Clark Griffith's hustling men were hailed as the "dark horse" team of the league, with eminent critics conceding them an outside chance for the rag. Composed largely of youngsters, with just enough veteran material to give a steady effect, the team displayed a world of fighting spirit, sensational speed and a smashing attack. It only remained for the pitchers to round into form, it seemed, for the Nationals to move upward among the league leaders.

Team is on Rocks Now.
That was a month ago. Today the Nationals are badly foundered on the rocks. Instead of finding their "place in the sun" they are short to pieces with injuries and the failure of a number of highly touted youngsters to "come through."

Not being of the amphibious type, the Nationals and Tigers loafed yesterday while St. Swithin got in some more of his dirty work. The postponement necessitates a double-header this afternoon.

Acting Manager McBride will start Erickson in the first game and Barney Johnson will probably pitch the second. The pitching selections are Oldham and Daus.

The first game starts promptly at 2 o'clock.

Phillies Halted by ST. LOUIS CARDS
St. Louis, Mo., July 19.—The Cardinals knocked the Phillies off their winning stride today by winning the closing game of the series, 3 to 2.

Frank Ellerbe, the college youth, looked like a star at third. As the season progressed, however, imperfections in his play began to crop out. He appeared to be weak on bunts and his throw didn't have the speed and snap required of a third baseman.

Another promising youngster who has been of little use to the team to date is Jimmy O'Neill, who is out for the second time with a strained arm.

Team's Accident List.
Here are some of the accidents which have jolted the team:

Naval Air Station kept the lead in the Potomac League yesterday by defeating Center Market, 2 to 1.

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War on Outlaws.
Memphis, Tenn., July 16.—The Southern League is making war on all independent clubs who are using the name of the league to jump on contracts.

Laurel Defeats Gibraltar.
Laurel, Md., July 19.—Laurel defeated the Gibraltar of Washington, one of the fastest clubs of that city, by a score of 10 to 2.

Tunney-Barke Bout Postponed.
Jersey City, July 19.—Gene Tunney and Marty Burke will not fight the 15-round bout scheduled here to night.

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EXPERT JUDGES RUTH DRIVES OUT TWO MORE HOME RUNS, SETTING NEW MARK

N. Y. Slugger Finds Kerr's Curves to His Liking and Runs His Total for Season Up to 31—Former Record of 29 Was Made Last Year.

By JAMES E. (TED) MEREDITH.
New York, July 19.—The American Olympic committee has picked the team that will leave next week for Antwerp and doing it this body had one of the toughest jobs that ever was put before a similar one.

By GEORGE L. MORELAND.
George Herbert Ruth, better known as Babe, accomplished yesterday what no other player has been able to do in the forty-six years of baseball in the major leagues.

Batting against Pitcher Dick Kerr, of the Chicago club, the Baltimore bruiser cracked out two home runs, making his total for the season thirty-one. The first one was made in the fourth inning and the second in the ninth.

This is a record for all time in the majors, exceeding the mark hung up last season, when Babe had twenty-nine circuit drives to his credit. And before the season is completed there is every reason to believe it will be boosted to a much higher figure.

Local Park Has His Number.
Every park in the league has seen Ruth rap one for the circuit this year, save Washington. It is Ruth's desire to do it here, and his next visit here will see a determined effort to give the National fans the pleasure of seeing him pickle one.

Last season against a rookie pitcher Ruth rapped one for four bases here and it was his last home run for the season. It was made off Pitcher Jordan in the third inning, but failed to keep the Nationals from winning the game by a score of 7 to 5.

On July 19 of last season Ruth was just hitting his stride and had hit thirteen home runs. He is now eighteen ahead of the pace he set when he made his record of twenty-nine.

He Likes Polo Grounds.
The two homers yesterday give Ruth the same number of home runs this year that he has made in the Polo Grounds with the Boston or New York teams.

Statistics show that Babe has made but four of his homers on the Washington playing field. Three of them were made in 1915 and one last year.

While playing with Boston on the Red Sox field he made fourteen of his seventeen home runs there. His last three were made while wearing a Yankee uniform and playing on his old grounds.

Nine of the eighty were made at Detroit and six at St. Louis, with five on the White Sox grounds. At Cleveland and Philadelphia he has been able to make but four on each of these fields.

During the six seasons he has been hammering out this style of bingles he has faced fifty-three right-handed twirlers and twenty-seven southpaws, making a total of eighty home runs.

Here is the complete home-run record of Ruth since 1915:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Team, Home Runs. Rows for 1915 (29), 1916 (22), 1917 (14), 1918 (14), 1919 (29), 1920 (31).

MACKMEN HIT; DEFEAT BROWNS
Philadelphia, July 19.—An outburst of heavy hitting, combined with Frank "Doc" Welch's home-run drive into the bleachers, won for the Athletics, 9 to 4, at Shibe Park, this afternoon against the St. Louis Browns.

Philadelphia, July 19.—Tisn't only boys who sit on the bleachers now. Too many spectators and not enough seats drive many a man who used to sit in a box to the sun parlors of the ball farm here.

Stands Alone.
New York, July 18.—When Babe Ruth started his long-distance sailing he was frequently compared to Abner Doubtless and other stars of yesterday. He now stands alone.

MAJOR LEAGUE STATISTICS
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
AMERICAN LEAGUE. NATIONAL LEAGUE.
STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
1920 1919 Pos. Pts. Win. Loss. Pct. 1920 1919 Pos. Pts. Win. Loss. Pct.

BABE GETS TWO CIRCUIT CLOUTS

New Home Run Record Is Made as Yanks and White Sox Split.

New York, July 19.—"Babe" Ruth today broke the home-run record by pounding out two home runs in the second game of a double-header here.

He hit one in the fourth and one in the ninth inning. The Yankees and White Sox split even, New York winning the first game 8 to 2 and Chicago the second 8 to 5.

The scores:

Table with 4 columns: Team, Score, Innings. Rows for Yankees (8-2) and White Sox (5-8).

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JOHNSTON WINS HARD CONTEST

American Stars Continue Good Work in Davis Cup Tourney.

London, July 19.—William Johnston, American tennis star, today defeated Major Kingscott in the Davis Cup tournament at Wimbledon in a hard-fought match.

The Englishman came back and won the next two, 4-6 and 3-6. Johnston rallied and won the fourth set, 6-4. The fifth and deciding tilt went to Johnston, 7-5, in a hard-fought game.

The match between Johnston and Kingscott will have no deciding effect on the tournament, as the games Saturday decided that the Americans would play the Australians for the cup.

William T. Tilden beat Parkes, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5, thus completing England's debacle in the fight for the Davis Cup.

MIDDIES READY FOR BOAT RACES
Annapolis, Md., July 19.—With a last practice drive this morning, the Naval Academy crews completed, so far as local rowing is concerned, their preparation for the races at Worcester on Friday and Saturday.

When the right to represent the United States at the Olympic contests at Antwerp will be determined. This afternoon was spent in getting the boats and equipment off and at 7:20 tomorrow morning the rowing party leaves. It is scheduled to reach Worcester in the evening.

Based on the work of the season and the magnificent physical condition of the oarsmen, the members of the Naval contingent have supreme confidence in their crews. Glendon never predicts results, but stated that his crew were in shape to do their best and that every condition for preparation had been met.

Regret is felt here that Syracuse, which will be the special opponent of the Naval crew, may be weakened by the loss of Stroke Rammi, who it is understood is not a citizen of the United States. Coach Glendon and others expressed the wish that the committee permit his rowing.

CUBS TO BATTLE VA. CHAMPIONS
The Cubs baseball team, one of the fastest "colored" teams in the vicinity, will meet the Virginia White Sox team, champions of Virginia at Union League Park, July 23, at 5:30.

One Reason.
(From Film Fun.)
Lieut. Wilfred R. Sinclair, in jail on a bigamy charge, in London, says he isn't guilty. "I've got but one wife," says he, "my brother married under my name and I married soon after. Now they think both of 'em are mine."

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